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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yumin Liu  
Application No. : 10/719,441 Confirmation No. : 2966  
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For : Ni CATALYSTS AND METHODS FOR ALKANE  
DEHYDROGENATION  
Group Art Unit : 1764  
Examiner : Tam M. Nguyen

New York, New York 10020  
December 8, 2006

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2006 in the above-identified application. Applicant submits currently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) to extend the time for filing this reply for one month, up to and including, December 8, 2006. Thus, this reply is timely filed.

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